AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a circuit configured to (i) receive an input data stream, (ii) generate an output having a frequency and (iii) adjust said frequency in response to a measured duration of a known time interval associated with a period between a first occurrence of a predefined bit pattern ~~occurring~~ and a second occurrence of said predefined bit pattern in ~~an~~ said input data stream.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said input data stream comprises one or more of said time intervals.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said time intervals are delimited by periodic events in said input data stream.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said periodic events comprise start-of-frame (SOF) packets of a Universal Serial Bus (USB) protocol.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said frequency is adjusted to within 0.25% of a host data rate.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said circuit comprises:

a calibration circuit configured to generate a control signal in response to said input data stream and said output; and

an oscillator circuit configured to generate said output in response to said control signal.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said oscillator circuit is digitally tunable.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said calibration circuit comprises a detector circuit configured to detect said predefined bit pattern.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said detector circuit is further configured to detect a SOF packet.

10. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said calibration circuit comprises one or more counters.

11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said counters are configured to start counting in response to a first SOF packet and stop counting in response to a second SOF packet.

12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said counters are configured to count in response to said output.

13. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said calibration circuit comprises a look-up table.

14. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said look-up table contains a number of values for adjusting said frequency.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

means for generating an output having a frequency;

means for measuring a known time interval between ~~occurrences~~ a first occurrence of a predefined bit pattern and a second occurrence of said predefined bit pattern in an input data stream using said output; and

means for adjusting said generating means in response to said measurement..

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing a precise clock using a precisely known time interval having a known precise duration of a data stream comprising the steps of:

(A) measuring the known time interval between ~~occurrences~~ a first occurrence of a predefined bit pattern in said

data stream and a second occurrence of said predefined bit pattern in said data stream using said clock; and

(B) adjusting said clock in response to a difference between said measurement and said known precise duration.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 16, wherein said time interval comprises the time between a pair of SOF packets.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step A comprises the sub-steps of:

(A-1) starting a counter in response to ~~a~~ said first occurrence of said predefined bit pattern that starts said known time interval;

(A-2) counting in response to said clock; and

(A-3) stopping said counter in response to ~~a~~ said second occurrence of said predefined bit pattern that ends said known time interval.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step B comprises the sub-steps of:

(B-1) comparing a measurement of said known time interval between said first and said second occurrences of said predefined bit pattern with the known duration of said known time interval;

(B-2) retrieving a correction value from a look-up table addressed using a difference between said measurement and said known duration; and

(B-3) presenting said correction value to a digitally tunable oscillator.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step B comprises the sub-steps of:

(B-1) starting a counter in response to ~~a~~ said first occurrence of said predefined bit pattern that starts said known time interval;

(B-2) computing a correction value using said difference between said measurement and said known duration; and

(B-3) presenting said correction value to a digitally tunable oscillator.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 16, wherein the measured time interval comprises a plurality of SOF packets.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said predefined bit pattern comprises a packet identifier field of a SOF packet.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said circuit comprises:

a detector circuit configured to generate a detection signal in response to detecting said predefined bit pattern in said input data stream; and

a counter circuit configured to generate a count signal in response to said detection signal and said output.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said circuit further comprises:

a control circuit configured to generate a tuning signal in response to said count signal and said output; and

an oscillator circuit configured to generate said output in response to said tuning signal.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said input data stream comprises USB 2.0 host full-speed communications SOF packets.